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Cedarville Ohio



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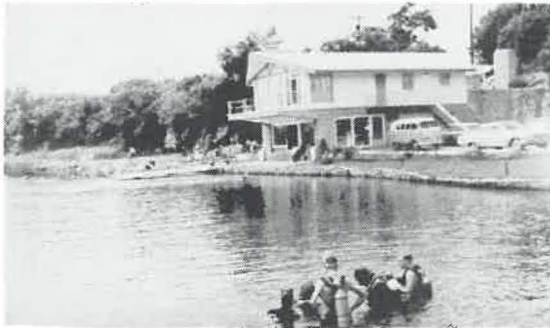
WHAT MAKES CEDARVILLE A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE



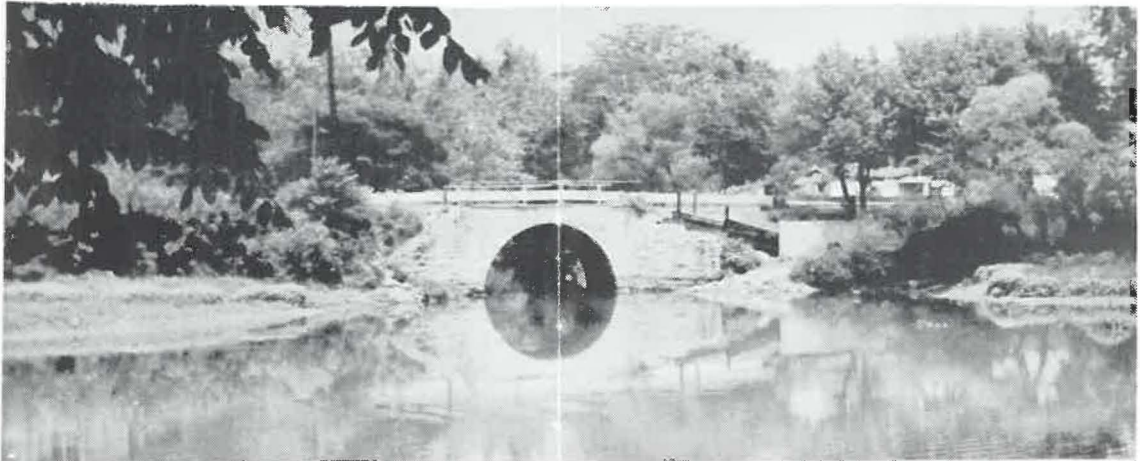
HIGH SCHOOL



INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING



OHIO SKIN DIVERS HEADQUARTERS



COMMUNITY PARK LAKE

Cedarville is a small but aggressive community always seeking ways to interest both young and old residents. Because of the excellent educational facilities the resident has every opportunity to study and improve himself. Besides the fine elementary and high schools, which are now in the midst of an expansion program, the community is the seat of Cedarville College.

Here are some facts about Cedarville's schools:

- Cedarville High has been a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools since 1939.
- Construction on another addition to the schools is underway which will include a new gymnasium.
- The most recent bond issue, submitted to the voters in 1960, carried with a 67 per cent favorable vote, one of the highest in the state.
- The faculty of the Cedar Cliff Schools is composed of 36 teachers.
- Studies show that from the last five graduating classes of Cedarville High, 41 per cent of the graduates entered fields of education above the high school level.
- The four general courses of the high school are college preparatory, commercial, vocational and general.
- Active clubs at the school are Future Teachers of America, Varsity, "C" Club, JETS, Junior Engineers and Technical Scientists, Dramatics Club, Mathematics Club, Latin Club and Scholarship Team.
- The Music Department has a marching band, concert band, pep band, and mixed chorus.

- The athletics department is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- Parent groups supporting the school are P.T.A., Band Mothers Club, and the Boosters Club.
- There were 567 students transported daily by six well maintained school buses during the year 1960-61.

For recreation Cedarville has an extensive program centered around the Community Park where night or day baseball, football and softball games are played. Tournament softball games are held every year. Skin-diving tournaments are held at the beautiful Ohio Skin Divers' Headquarters here. An annual Fourth of July celebration brings visitors from various parts of the county. John Bryan State Park is within minutes of



CEDARVILLE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN



BUSINESS SECTION



TOWNSHIP HALL

Cedarville and two country clubs offer excellent golfing and other social activities.

There is an extensive college library as well as the Cedarville Library available for those interested in reading for either pleasure or advancement.

The following churches are active in the community: Methodist, United Presbyterian, Pentacostal, Church of God, Nazarene and the Afro-American Methodist Episcopal.

Civic and fraternal organizations are Lions Club, Masons, Odd Fellows, Eastern Star, American Legion, the Grange, Women's Club as well as other women's organizations and auxiliaries. Greene Memorial Hospital with 148 beds is only seven miles away. Cedarville ambulance service is available at all times.



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BUSINESS SECTION



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CEDARVILLE COLLEGE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND SCIENCE HALL

Founded in 1887 by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Cedarville College has had a spiritual and cultural as well as educational influence on the community. During the decades that are past the college achieved state-wide recognition for outstanding work in the field of teacher education. Such men as Dr. McChesney and professors Jurkat and Steele were responsible for maintaining high standards and fostering quality education down through the years.

In 1953 the sponsorship of Cedarville College was transferred to the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and under the guidance of Dr. James T. Jeremiah as president the school has experienced considerable progress and growth. Both the student enrollment and the number of faculty members have increased more than 200%. The number of volumes in the college library has doubled. Since 1956 five new buildings have been purchased or constructed for dormitory purposes. Three other buildings have been enlarged and remodeled. Construction is scheduled to begin on a new student center-gymnasium with an estimated cost of over \$200,000.

Cedarville College grants three baccalaureate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Music. Majors are offered in twelve academic fields, including Bible and business administration, with several more to be added in the near future. Through a working agreement with Central State College state certification is provided for teachers in both elementary and secondary education. Some classes are offered in the evening for the benefit of those from the area who wish to enroll on a part-time basis. The college has a diversified program of extracurricular activities including intramural sports, and as a member of the Mid-Ohio Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has intercollegiate competition in five sports.

With the promise of continuing increases in enrollment and the constant demand for qualified teachers and trained leaders in various vocations and professions, Cedarville College is seeking to gain state and regional accreditation in order that they might serve Cedarville and the surrounding way in an even better way as a center of Christian higher education.

Other colleges within a radius of 15 miles are Antioch, at Yellow Springs; Wilberforce University and Central State College at Wilberforce and Wittenberg University at Springfield.



FAITH HALL



COLLEGE LIBRARY

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN CEDARVILLE

Cedarville is a good place for business and industry. While it is one of the smaller communities it is in an industrial complex running from Cincinnati, Hamilton, Middletown and Dayton and on to Springfield on the north.

The fine network of highways makes Cedarville's position in this complex important. Interstate 71 to the south gives direct transportation between Cincinnati and Cleveland. Route 42, running through the village also gives fast transportation between the same points.

Interstate 70, running east and west through Springfield, to the north, gives direct transportation between the east and west coasts, and all metropolitan areas in between.

Interstate 75, running through Dayton to the west, is another north-south expressway connecting this industrial complex with the southern states and the St. Lawrence Seaway on the north.

State Route 72, between Cedarville and Springfield, also gives direct access to northern points such as Toledo and Detroit.

Cedarville is on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad which gives it speedy access to all American points for fast freight service.

Being a part of this complex means that Cedarville is accessible to a supply of highly skilled labor.

Aside from skilled labor already available it means that workers from other communities can quickly reach their jobs over the network of fine highways without a great loss of time.

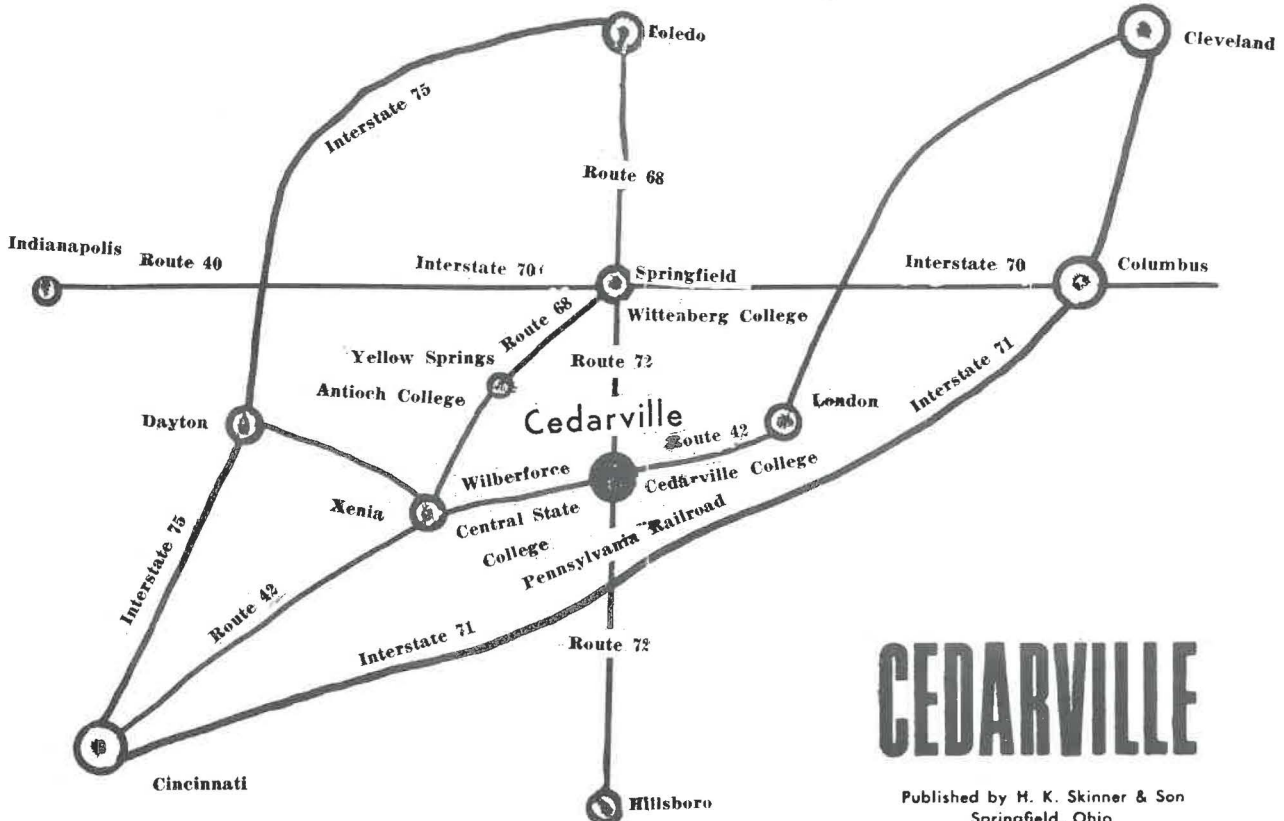
For those interested in making their homes in Cedarville, the community offers modern facilities and beautiful new developments.

A moderate tax rate and low bonded debt mean that the officials have kept the community in a solvent state. This has been done, however, without sacrificing progress since the village has excellent service facilities. The municipally-owned water system has a capacity far in excess of its present use and is sufficient for residential and industrial growth. Complete sanitary sewer and disposal plant are in service. A volunteered fire department has a fine record for protection of property within its service area. Night and day police protection is maintained through an adequate force. Dayton Power and Light Co. and Ohio Bell Telephone Co. furnish utility services.

Present manufacturing industries are Morris Bean & Co., makers of iron castings; Blue Grass Co., maker of staves; Carey Lumber Co., wood products. Blue Rock Stone Co. is preparing to open a large highway materials plant.

The community with a population of 1,750 is made up of highly intelligent workers skilled in many types of production. Labor-management relations have been of the best with no stoppages because of strikes.

Available industrial sites are listed with the Cedarville Community Development Committee. Such a list is available by writing to P. O. Box 6, Cedarville, Ohio.



CEDARVILLE

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CEDARVILLE

Cedarville, like most of Greene County, was settled by pioneers coming mainly from Kentucky either before, or shortly after Ohio became a state in 1803. Their main reason for migrating to Ohio was to get away from the slavery issue in the southern states.

Cedarville Township's first settlers were James and Thomas Townsley who came from Kentucky in 1801. Shortly thereafter a group of Scotch Covenanters from South Carolina moved into the virgin territory to make their homes.

The village itself was laid out in 1816 by Jesse Newport, although the township was not formed until 1850. The early settlement at various times was known as Newport's Mill, Hanna's Store, "The Burgh" and Milford. The present name was adopted in 1834 to perpetuate the cedars which abound the area.

The first schoolhouse was built in 1806 on the farm of James Townsley and he was the first teacher.

The present township hall was built in 1888 and still serves as the main public building. Cedarville College Library was built through a donation of \$11,000 from Andrew Carnegie.

One of the most prominent residents of Cedarville was Whitelaw Reid who became ambassador to the court

of St. James. He was born in an imposing farmhouse on the outskirts of Cedarville. In his younger days Whitelaw Reid was a reporter on the Xenia Gazette and later became famous as the editor of the New York Tribune.

Other early day men of importance from Cedarville were U. S. Senator James H. Kyle, Judge Samuel Kyle and Gen. Robert Jackson. In later years Wallace Reid, the famous star of the silent movies, was a Cedarville native. Of present-day fame is Eleanor Parker, a native of the village, who is a leading screen actress.

One of Cedarville's marks of distinction during the Civil War was that it was the banner township of the banner county in the banner state for the number of soldiers sent to fight for the Union cause.

Cedarville Cliffs is one of the imposing geological formations in this part of Ohio. It is the site of an ancient Indian fortification. Located on Massie's Creek, it was considered of sufficient archeological importance to be investigated by the Smithsonian Institution in 1848 and a detailed description was made of the entire area. Near the fortification and cliffs is the remains of an Indian mound which, in the early days, was 30 feet high and 140 feet in diameter at the the base.



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PALMER DRIVE

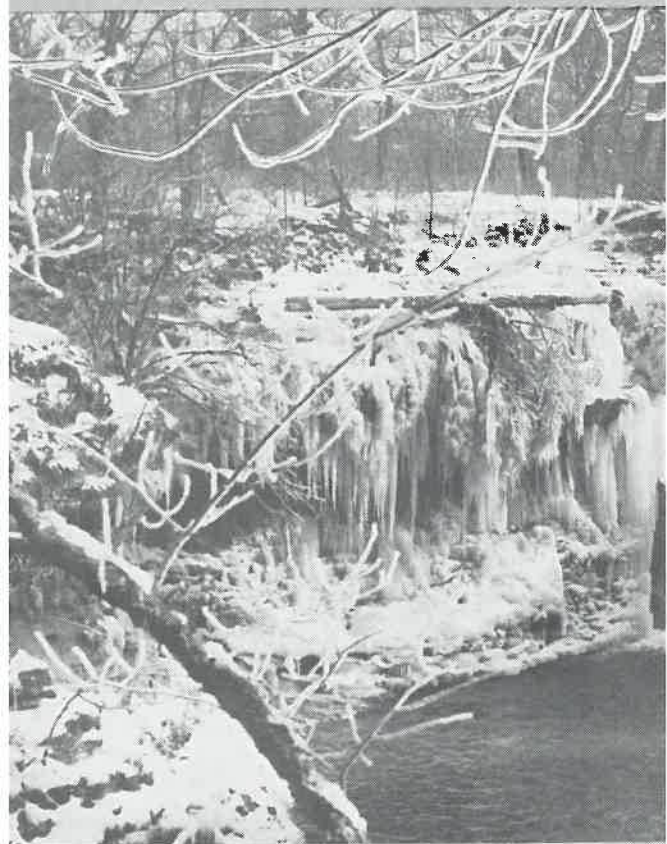


WHITELAW REID HOME



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Proudly Call Home*



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